(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (d) Proposals from State Governments for the grant of Central financial assistance under various schemes/programmes of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources are received on a regular basis. At times, these proposals are found to be incomplete or not in line with the provisions of the schemes/programmes. Complete proposals are considered and approved subject to budget provisions. As of now, no proposal from Tamil Nadu is pending with this Ministry for want of clearance.

**Mini hydel projects in tribal areas**

3104. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) is allowed to run mini hydel projects in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh State Government has established AP Tribal Power Company Ltd. (A.P. TRIPCO) under the Companies Act, 1956 for the setting up of small hydro projects in tribal areas of the State. A.P. TRIPCO is to act as the technical, financial and logistical facilitator for such projects. These projects, which are community owned and community managed, are to be entrusted to local women groups. Profits from such projects are to accrue to local tribal people for their well-being and development.

**popularization of non-conventional energy sources in rural areas**

†3105. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target to introduce bio-energy as an alterantive;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to develop non-conventional energy inspite of all possibilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.